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From: Perry, Kristina Y (GOV) [kris.perry@alaska.gov]
Sent: Friday, September 28, 2007 10:32 PM
To: Palin; Sarah (GOV sponsored); ftb907@yahoo.com; Perry; Kristina Y (GOV)
Subject: RE: BP Corrosion Efforts

A former staffer...?

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From: "Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored)" <govpalin@alaska.gov>

To: "ftb907@yahoo.com" <ftb907@yahoo.com>; "Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)" <kris.perry@alaska.gov>

Sent: 9/28/2007 10:18 PM

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I was just thinking that.

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Date: Fri, 28 Sep 2007 22:18:00

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Sent: Friday, September 28, 2007 10:19 PM
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Who?

See, it will be important to know the legitimacy of this rumor so our overseeing agency can be properly prepared.

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Sent: Friday, September 28, 2007 6:55 PM
To: Kelly; Russell T (GOV); Tibbles; Michael A (GOV); Balash; Joseph R (GOV)
Subject: Re: Senator Green's letter

Excellent. Thank you.

Sent from my BlackBerry® device from Cellular One

-----Original Message-----

From: "Kelly, Russell T (GOV)" <russ.kelly@alaska.gov>

Date: Fri, 28 Sep 2007 18:54:24

To:gov.sarah@yahoo.com, "Tibbles, Michael A (GOV)" <mike.tibbles@alaska.gov>,"Balash, Joseph R (GOV)" <joe.balash@alaska.gov>

Subject: Senator Green's letter

Just want you to know that I responded to Lyda's letter today by calling Portia and discussing possible dates for a briefing. They cannot (truthfully) turn the tables on us and claim we did not respond. I followed up with an e-mail and offered to work with her to set up the most convenient date and time. I am waiting to hear back from Galvin about next week, for starters.

RK

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Sent: Friday, September 28, 2007 5:44 PM
To: Perry; Kristina Y (GOV)
Cc: Mason; Janice L (GOV); Leschper; Beth (GOV); Tibbles; Michael A (GOV)
Subject: Re: Flights to NY

Lv Sunday,

Rtn thurs/friday depending oon any thursday appts.

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-----Original Message-----

From: "Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)" <kris.perry@alaska.gov>

Date: Fri, 28 Sep 2007 15:08:38

To:Sarah Palin <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>

Cc:"Mason, Janice L (GOV)" <janice.mason@alaska.gov>,"Leschper, Beth (GOV)" <beth.leschper@alaska.gov>,"Tibbles, Michael A (GOV)" <mike.tibbles@alaska.gov>

Subject: Flights to NY

Northwest seems to be the best schedule and price: $577.10 round trip.

Two options for departure from Anchorage:

Depart Sunday evening, Oct 7th at 9:42 p.m. / Arrive NY at 10:36 a.m. Monday the 8th

Depart Monday morning, Oct 8th at 9:00 a.m. / Arrive NY at 10:55 p.m.

----- Newsweek Conference begins at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday the 9th and concludes at 2:15 p.m.-----

Two options for departure from New York:

Depart Wednesday afternoon, October 10th at 1:29 p.m. / Arrive Anchorage 8:00 p.m.

Depart Thursday morning, October 11th at 8:00 a.m. / Arrive Anchorage at 2:32 p.m.

Most flights are the same on each day, should you like the time but prefer a different day.

Unknown

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Friday, September 28, 2007 5:41 PM
To: Mason; Janice L (GOV)
Subject: Re: Schedule for Monday, 10.01.07

I can do this, yes

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-----Original Message-----

From: "Mason, Janice L (GOV)" <janice.mason@alaska.gov>

Date: Fri, 28 Sep 2007 16:58:07

To:gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Cc:"Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)" <kris.perry@alaska.gov>,"Tibbles, Michael A (GOV)" <mike.tibbles@alaska.gov>,"Leschper, Beth (GOV)" <beth.leschper@alaska.gov>,"Leighow, Sharon W (GOV)" <sharon.leighow@alaska.gov>

Subject: Schedule for Monday, 10.01.07

Governor – On you schedule for Monday, October 1, 2007 – I have listed the request from the USPS – Issuance of Aurora Borealis Stamp – Photographer of Stamp and Mayor of Wasilla will be key speakers. They would like you to say a few words if you are able to attend. Beth is working on this now.

I had called to request an earlier time for the event but they were unable to change the time from 11:00 a.m. @ the New Fire Station in Wasilla. I have this listed as an FYI at this time and have not committed you to being there. Janice

Unknown

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Friday, September 28, 2007 3:33 PM
To: Frye; Ivy J (DOA)
Subject: Re: Stevens

Thanks! And I appreciate Kevin's recognition of what I was trying to say.

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-----Original Message-----

From: "Frye, Ivy J (DOA)" <ivy.frye@alaska.gov>

Date: Fri, 28 Sep 2007 09:16:55

To:gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Subject: Stevens

Hey!

Was talking to paulette about the newsminer article and stevens' comments. Kevin (her son that works for him) called while we were talking and thought your comments re: akns wanting more info on his innocence were right on-akns do want to know this! He just thought the negative headline of the article was causing the heartburn. Anyway, I think your follow up comments (as does kevin) in the newsminer article were great! You stayed positive and said your relationship was respectful. Thought you would appreciate the comments from a stevens' staffer...see you next wk.

Unknown

From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Friday, September 28, 2007 2:55 PM
To: Thomas.Teseniar@us.army.mil
Subject: RE: Fish_and_Game

Mr. Teseniar:

Thank you for your email.

-----Original Message-----

From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]

Sent: Friday, September 28, 2007 3:05 PM

To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

Subject: Fish_and_Game

Web mail from: Thomas Teseniar

address: P.O. Box 298441 Wasilla AK 99629

907-892-1664

MESSAGE:

Sarah,rnrnThank you so very much for sticking up for Alaska by writing Congressman Miller. I believe it is long time coming and overdue! We as Alaskans need to start the process of taking back our Fish and Wildlife management from the Federal Government. Fish and Game belongs to ALL Alaskans and it is time for USFWS, Congress and other States to "butt-out" of our business.rnrnI have two suggestions to get it started:rnrn1. Put USFWS and other Federal agencies on written notice that the State of Alaska, through its Constitution is taking back control of all Fish and Wildlife matters within the borders of the state starting January 2008,rnrn2. Out law all non-resident guides, both fish and game. If you want to be a guide in the Great State of Alaska you must possess and maintain a resident fishing and hunting license.rnrnKeep up the GREAT work! You are making me and other Alaskans proud of our state government again. rnrnIt was also great to see "Brown Shirts" again on o

ur rivers. You can tell they are very proud. I assisted Troopers in cracking down on illegal King fishing by guides and European clients on the Yentna and Lake Creek areas. This has been a big issue with me over the past few years as I have witnessed these people take 5 fish EACH in one day!rnrnThank you so much. Please stay as our Governor as we need you!rnrnTom Teseniarrnrnrn3.

Thomas.Teseniar@us.army.mil

PLEASE ADD TO E-NEWS

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From: Balash, Joseph R (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=JRBALASH]
Sent: Friday, September 28, 2007 1:51 PM
To: 'gov.sarah@yahoo.com'
Subject: Gov hickel

Quick note to let you know that Pat and I just finished up with backbone 2 and gov hickel. They will meet again as a board on Monday to formally decide, but it looks like we have their support and willingness to carry a lot of water through pp-eds.

Joe

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Sent: Friday, September 28, 2007 1:26 PM
To: Kelly; Russell T (GOV); Balash; Joseph R (GOV); Galvin; Patrick S (DOR)
Cc: Devon; Shannon L (GOV); Leighow; Sharon W (GOV); Leschper; Beth (GOV)
Subject: Re: Letter from the President of the Senate to the Governor of Alaska,dated September 28, 2007

Whats it say?

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From: "Kelly, Russell T (GOV)" <russ.kelly@alaska.gov>

Date: Fri, 28 Sep 2007 13:03:26

To:Sarah Palin <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>,"Balash, Joseph R (GOV)" <joe.balash@alaska.gov>,"Galvin, Patrick S (DOR)" <patrick.galvin@alaska.gov>

Cc:"Devon, Shannon L (GOV)" <shannon.devon@alaska.gov>,"Leighow, Sharon W (GOV)" <sharon.leighow@alaska.gov>,"Leschper, Beth (GOV)" <beth.leschper@alaska.gov>

Subject: FW: Letter from the President of the Senate to the Governor of Alaska,

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Tibbles was CC'd in original e-mail.

From: Portia Babcock [mailto:Portia_Babcock@legis.state.ak.us]

Sent: Friday, September 28, 2007 1:00 PM

To: Kookesh, Albert (LAA); Stedman, Bert K (LAA); Davis, Bettye J (LAA); Wielechowski, Bill (LAA); Huggins, Charlie (LAA); Bunde, Con (LAA); Olson, Donny (LAA); Dyson, Fred (LAA); Stevens, Gary L (LAA); Wilken, Gary R (LAA); Therriault, Gene (LAA); French, Hollis (LAA); Thomas, Joe (LAA); Cowdery, John (LAA); Ellis, Johnny (LAA); Elton, Kim S (LAA); McGuire, Lesil L (LAA); Green, Lyda N (LAA); Hoffman, Lyman F (LAA); Wagoner, Tom (LAA)

Cc: Harris, John (LAA); Tibbles, Michael A (GOV); Kelly, Russell T (GOV)

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Importance: High

For your information and review, please see the attached letter from the Senate President to the Governor. The letter was faxed to the Governor's Juneau office earlier today. Thank you.

Portia C.K. Babcock

Office of the Senate President

Alaska State Legislature

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Subject: Re: Telephone Call

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Date: Fri, 28 Sep 2007 12:36:31

To:"Mason, Janice L (GOV)" <janice.mason@alaska.gov>,ExternalEmailgsp <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>

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This is from the website.

Obviously have an agenda.

And charge people to join.

We need to vet this before action is taken.

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Club for Growth is a national network of thousands of Americans, from all walks of life, who believe that prosperity and opportunity come through economic freedom. We work to promote public policies that promote economic growth primarily through legislative involvement, issue advocacy, research, training and educational activity.

The primary tactic of the separate Club for Growth PAC is to provide financial support from Club members to viable pro-growth candidates to Congress, particularly in Republican primaries.

Club for Growth Policy Goals:

Making the Bush tax cuts permanent

Death tax repeal

Cutting and limiting government spending

Social Security reform with personal retirement accounts

Expanding free trade

Legal reform to end abusive lawsuits

Replacing the current tax code

School choice

Regulatory reform and deregulation

Beth

-----Original Message-----

From: Mason, Janice L (GOV)

Sent: Friday, September 28, 2007 12:28 PM

To: ExternalEmailgsp

Cc: Tibbles, Michael A (GOV); Perry, Kristina Y (GOV); Leschper, Beth (GOV); Leighow, Sharon W (GOV)

Subject: RE: Telephone Call

Pat Toomey is a former congressman from Pennsylvania and is now the CEO and President of Club for Growth. It is an Issue Advisory Group - lowering taxes, regulations, etc.
Janice

-----Original Message-----

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com [mailto:gov.sarah@yahoo.com]

Sent: Friday, September 28, 2007 12:21 PM

To: Mason, Janice L (GOV)

Cc: Tibbles, Michael A (GOV); Perry, Kristina Y (GOV); Leschper, Beth (GOV); Leighow,

Sharon W (GOV)

Subject: Re: Telephone Call

Who is he?

Sent from my BlackBerry® device from Cellular One

-----Original Message-----

From: "Mason, Janice L (GOV)" <janice.mason@alaska.gov>

Date: Fri, 28 Sep 2007 12:17:40

To:gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Cc:"Tibbles, Michael A (GOV)" <mike.tibbles@alaska.gov>,"Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)" <kris.perry@alaska.gov>

Subject: Telephone Call

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Unknown

From: Balash, Joseph R (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=JRBALASH]

Sent: Friday, September 28, 2007 6:39 PM

To: Palin; Sarah (GOV sponsored)

Subject: RE: BP Corrosion Efforts

It was third-hand. A former staffer with a buddy on the Slope told me. His contact is somebody at BP that's up there...and the BP person learned of it this afternoon.

From: Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored)
Sent: Fri 9/28/2007 6:29 PM
To: Balash, Joseph R (GOV); Hartig, Lawrence L (DEC); Irwin, Tom E (DNR)
Cc: Dietrick, Larry V (DEC); Rutherford, Martha K (DNR); Banks, Kevin R (DNR); Anders, Bruce F (DNR); Slemons, Jonne D (DNR); Easton, Dan (DEC)
Subject: Re: BP Corrosion Efforts

Joe- how'd you hear this?

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Sent: Fri Sep 28 17:48:17 2007
Subject: Re: BP Corrosion Efforts

Sounds odd, at a time like this with more appropriate oversight of the necessary corrision fixes...

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To: Hartig, Lawrence L (DEC); Irwin, Tom E (DNR); Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored)
Cc: Dietrick, Larry V (DEC); Rutherford, Martha K (DNR); Banks, Kevin R (DNR); Anders, Bruce F (DNR); Slemons, Jonne D (DNR); Easton, Dan (DEC)

Sent: Fri Sep 28 17:41:43 2007
Subject: BP Corrosion Efforts

I just received word that personnel with Veco/CH2M Hill that are currently under contract with BP and tasked with corrossion prevention work at PBU are going to be laid off--more than 100 people. An announcement is expected to be made tomorrow and the personnel informed. The reason as it was explained to me is that there are safety concerns with winter work. Sorry I don't have more details, but this was passed on to me third-hand just a few minutes ago.

Unknown

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To: Perry; Kristina Y (GOV); Tibbles; Michael A (GOV); Mason; Janice L (GOV); Balash; Joseph R (GOV); Leschper; Beth (GOV); Leighow; Sharon W (GOV)
Subject: Re: Nope

Tom says they'll gather folks early

Sent from my BlackBerry® device from Cellular One

-----Original Message-----

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Date: Fri, 28 Sep 2007 19:33:01

To:"Kris Perry" <kris.perry@alaska.gov>,"Mike Tibbles" <mike.tibbles@alaska.gov>,"Janice Mason" <janice.mason@alaska.gov>,"Joe Balash" <joe.balash@alaska.gov>,"Beth Leschper" <beth.leschper@alaska.gov>,"Sharon Leighow" <sharon.leighow@alaska.gov>

Subject: Re: Nope

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To:"Kris Perry" <kris.perry@alaska.gov>,"Mike Tibbles" <mike.tibbles@alaska.gov>,"Janice Mason" <janice.mason@alaska.gov>

Subject: Nope

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Friday, September 28, 2007 11:33 AM
To: wendyh@gci.net
Subject: RE: Fish_and_Game

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-----Original Message-----

From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]

Sent: Friday, September 28, 2007 10:19 AM

To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

Subject: Fish_and_Game

Web mail from: Ms. Wendy Harris

address: POB 93412 Anchorage AK 99509

9078308050

MESSAGE:

Dear Governor Palin,rnrnPlease at least have the integrity to be truthful about the aerial wolf kill program. We all know it is solely about money and greed. Killing the wolves makes more moose available for hunters thus the state sells more hunting licenses and brings in more revenue over all by enticing more visitors to Alaska. Alaskans no longer "need" to hunt they just like to so this line "we are trying to increase opportunities for Alaskans to put healthy food on their families' dinner tables" is just ridiculous!rnrnI am disgusted as an Alaskan that this program is in operation and extremely disappointed that you would support this. If you tell the lie often enough and with conviction it becomes the truth and that is what has been done regarding the wolf kill program.rnrnSincerely,rnrnWendy Harris

wendyh@gci.net

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Friday, September 28, 2007 11:32 AM
To: jkozloff@gmail.com
Subject: RE: Other

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Sent: Friday, September 28, 2007 10:28 AM

To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

Subject: Other

Web mail from: Ms. Georgette Kozloff

address: PO Box 101104 Anchorage AK 99510

907-830-7021

MESSAGE:

Your letter to Congressman Miller was marvelous. To the point and blunt, just how we like you! Keep up the GREAT work!

jkozloff@gmail.com

PLEASE ADD TO E-NEWS

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Friday, September 28, 2007 11:32 AM
To: Perry; Kristina Y (GOV); Tibbles; Michael A (GOV); Mason; Janice L (GOV); Balash; Joseph R (GOV); Leschper; Beth (GOV); Leighow; Sharon W (GOV)
Subject: Re: Nope

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From: Glass, John D (DPS) [john.glass@alaska.gov]
Sent: Friday, September 28, 2007 11:27 AM
To: Palin; Sarah (GOV sponsored)
Cc: Monegan; Walt C (DPS); Holloway; Audie E (DPS)
Subject: RE: Confidential - Spitzer

Governor Palin, as you know Commissioner Monegan is out of the Country and he has asked that I respond to your email concerning the settlement of the lawsuit involving Eric Spitzer.

The case stems from an arrest that Trooper Spitzer made on Kevin Patrick in Emmonak in November 2002. Patrick was basically terrorizing the Village when he was arrested. As stated earlier by Colonel Holloway, Patrick has an extensive arrest and conviction record. During the arrest Patrick was tazed by Spitzer during the arrest. During the trial in Bethel Patrick admitted that he in fact resisted arrest actively during the entire incident. Despite the fact that Patrick received only minor injuries during the scuffle the Bethel jury awarded him compensatory damages of over One (1) million dollars. The State of Alaska appealed this award.

DPS did an internal investigation and found that Trooper Spitzer violated no policies or procedures during this arrest. The Department of Law concurred with the investigation and that is the reason for the decision to go to trial.

The appeal process was asking for a new trial based on the excessive amount of the award and a disqualification of an expert witness and the allegation that a racial slur was used during the arrest. The arrest or at least half of it was on audio tape and there are NO indications of any racial slur during this audio portion. This information was not provided during discovery but presented during the trial. Privileged or Personal Material Redacted

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There has been a large amount of correspondence with the Department of Law concerning this case specifically Dale House the Assistant Attorney General who represented the State since I started in February. As well as prior to that date. On July 30 a meeting was held here in the Commissioners Office with Commissioner Monegan, Gail Voightlander, Assistant Attorney General, Dale House, Colonel Holloway and myself.

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If this arrest had occurred in Anchorage or somewhere else where backup is readily available in numbers as opposed to a location where the nearest help is 100 miles away the outcome may have been different. We definitely know that a similar case in Palmer the jury found the defendant guilty of resisting arrest and there has been no civil case even filed.

At no time during these discussions with the Department of Law concerning this issue was it ever discussed with the Governors Office. As you pointed out that would be inappropriate. Over the years I have been involved with several lawsuits and to my knowledge none were discussed directly with the Governor.

During Civil cases the preponderance of evidence is what decides the issues. Not necessarily the facts. The truth does not have to be told in this case by anyone other than the State. That is unfortunate but true.

During the Commissioner's and my presentation to you a couple of weeks ago we asked to have the Criminal Justice system looked at overall. Prior to our leaving that meeting you assigned Lt. Governor Parnell to oversee that process. The Bethel Court System and the verdicts coming out of it should be one of the things looked at first. I believe that I can speak for the Commissioner and myself that it is detrimental to the Citizens of the Bethel region. It is a disservice to them both victims as well as the defendants.

If you need or want further clarification I am available to discuss this with you. My cell number is Privileged or Perso

John D. Glass, Deputy Commissioner

Department of Public Safety

-----Original Message-----

From: Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored)

Sent: Thursday, September 27, 2007 5:17 PM

To: Glass, John D (DPS); Holloway, Audie E (DPS)

Subject: Fw: Confidential - Spitzer

------Original Message------

To: Walt Monegan

Sent: Sep 27, 2007 8:49 AM

Subject: Confidential - Spitzer

Walt- could you provide me any documentation regarding the state's settlement of Trooper Spitzer's case (I saw it on the news last night - I hadn't even known that this trooper was in trouble again. He's the same one who was stationed in the valley and had a bad reputation along with his fellow trooper whom we've talked about before, and this is at least the second public case involving Spitzer and allegations of his abuse of power).

What I need is just the factual info that proves this was a DPS issue and I was not a part of any settlement. I was not advised, nor requested to participate in this... as is the appropriate way of handling such a case. I ask because I've already heard the accusation that "I" settled with a bad cop.

I'd like to explain factually what an elected official's role is in cases like this (that being, I had no role in this).

Thank you.

Unknown

From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Friday, September 28, 2007 11:26 AM
To: groczicka@hotmail.com
Subject: RE: Rural/Native

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From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]

Sent: Friday, September 28, 2007 9:40 AM

To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

Subject: Rural/Native

Web mail from: Greg Roczicka

address: Box 513 Bethel AK 99559

9075432903

MESSAGE:

THANK YOU for you prompt and assertive response to California congressman Miller's egregious act of introducing his "PAWS" legislation. You are the first governor of the four I've had direct dealings with over the years on this issue who has taken such an immediate and strong stance,rather than providing mostly lip service. I will be forwarding your letter and press release to friends and relatives throughout the lower 48 asking/urging them to contact their respective congressional members, and inform them from a constituent of their state NOT to support any furthering of this philosophical imposition into our, and their, state's fish or wildlife management. rn Also, please refer to Resolution #'s 00-47, 01-07, 02-12, 03-08, 04-08, 04-09, 05-13, 06-12 and 06-14 (sponsored through The Association of Village Council Presidents, Bristol Bay Native Association and Tanana Chiefs Conference) concerning predator management issues, that have all passed the Alaska Federation of

Natives annual conventions unanimously for the last 7 years.rnrnrnVoices Across Alaska ~ Transition Ideas for Fish/Game MgmtrnName: Greg Roczicka rnEmail: groczicka@hotmail.comrnPhone: 907-543-2608w, 2903hrnCity: Bethelrn rnPlease summarize the issue or problem you would like to address: ~ 100 words maxrnConfront the egregious conflicts caused by Animal Welfare Groups (AWG's) legal challenges that suspend or pre-empt active management programs (e.g. predator control) regarding the issue of managing fish or game populations for human harvest benefit. Switch the burden of proof so that Pred Mgmt must first be conclusively shown wrong or proven ineffective prior to being heard, suspended or curtailed by any legal intervention/Court action(s). Close unintended consequence in current Intensive Management law of supplying additional legal avenues for "process challenges" by such AWG's, who insistently work to further incorporate philosophic/political differences of opinion into the stat

e's scientific management structure.rnPle!

ase summarize how you would suggest resolving the issue or problem? ~ 300 words maxrn Establish statutory language with an unequivocal, interpretive link for implementing the concepts embodied in the State's Constitutional principles of development and conservation of its resources for maximum/common use, benefit, enjoyment and welfare of the people; sustained yield for all those who are similarly situated with regard to the subject matter and purpose to be served of recognizing consumptive use harvest as a priority; maintenance or enhancement of healthy and abundant animal populations important to providing diversity of use, established amounts necessary, reasonable harvest opportunity, and other identified population goals and harvest objectives that provide for high levels of human consumptive use.rn In order to fulfill the stated purpose and intent for the preferred beneficial use of these areas, it must be specifically recognized and explicitly stated that primary compone

nts of management activities within these areas (e.g. Intensive Mgmt, Hunt/Trap Reserves, etc.) shall include:rn 1) Ongoing annual adjustments of predator/prey populations utilizing all available management tools, with focus towards the most humane, efficient or cost-effective methods and means available that present the least possible administrative or fiscal burdens, in pursuit or promotion of maximizing reasonable harvest opportunity. rn 2) Incorporation/deference to utilization of the most direct and historic scientific information and local knowledge of the area available with regard to annual productivity in development and implementation of management activities, over speculative scientific critique, conjecture, or other socially discriminate and abstract assertions adverse to maximizing harvest opportunity.rn 3) That management programs furthering the primary intent shall not be interrupted, curtailed or pre-empted by legal intervention or politically motivated interf

erence until it has been first fully docu!

mented scientifically, and proven beyond a reasonable doubt for the subject area, that such programs are counter-productive or ineffective in promoting or maintaining the subject area's wildlife populations in providing for sustained yield to maximize reasonable harvest opportunity.rnPlease provide additional background information that may be helpful. ~ 1000 words max rn A key trigger point to use for instituting predator management should be any designated Intensive Management area where a moose population is limited to Tier I or Tier II only, and habitat is not a limiting factor. Equally important will be selecting/appointing a Commissioner who will strongly pursue and defend these premises, rather than bowing to AWG's or media pursuasions for back-pedaling or status-quo. Following are only some of the issue/reference papers available which detail this long-standing concern from a rural (and also reflective of many urban constituents) perspective at more length. rn- "Science-

based Game Management – When is There Enough Data?" by Patrick Valkenberg, AOC Newsletter – Spring 2006 (Volume 14, Issue 4).rn- AVCP Resolution # 06-10-03.rn- BOG discussion, documents and support actions for intent, purpose and subsequent recommendation to establish a Holitna Basin Hunting & Trapping Reserve during March & October 2006 meetings. rn- AFN December 12, 2005 fax letter to Governor Murkowski re above referenced # 05-13.rn- Dittman Research Corporation Poll – "In-Depth Analysis of Public Opinion Regarding Rural Moose Populations in the Nushagak/Alaska Peninsula; Kuskokwim/Lower Yukon River; and the Interior Yukon/Tanana River Drainages" contracted by Orutsararmiut Native Council, August, 2005.rn- Affidavit of G. Roczicka in Friends of Animals Inc. vs. the State of Alaska lawsuit, January, 2005.rn- April 2, 2003 comments to House Resources and Senate Judiciary Committees in support of HB 208 & SB 155 by G. Roczicka on behalf of (BOG created) Central Kuskokwim Mo

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ewide Moose Population status summary presented by DWC at Board of Game meeting in January 2002.rn- August, 2002 Issue Paper "Management of Moose Populations in Alaska for Sustained Yield" by G. Roczicka to Native Summit on Fish, Wildlife, Habitat & Environment.rn- "Position Statement of State Board of Game on Predator Control" presented to Joint House & Senate Resource Committees by G. Roczicka, February, 2000. rn- Legislative Resolution No. 51 relating to management of Alaska's wildlife resources, February, 1998.rn- Wolf Conservation & Management Policy for State of Alaska.rnCopies of any/all the above available upon request. Please do not hesitate to contact me for any further clarification or assistance that I can provide regarding these matters.

Unknown

From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Friday, September 28, 2007 11:25 AM
To: Soboleff; Walter A (DOA)
Subject: RE: Homeland_Security

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Sent: Friday, September 28, 2007 9:49 AM

To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

Subject: Homeland_Security

Web mail from: Mr. Walter Soboleff, Jr.

address: PO Box 22333 Juneau AK 99802

907-465-3599

MESSAGE:

Can anything done about TSA's continuing harsh handed techniques? I was stopped in San Diego this Sunday, searched, felt all over, and made to feel like I was dirt. Admittedly, I am a Native Alaskan male with hair to my waist. Does that sound subversive or dangerous to you? After all my shaving gear was taken from me I asked why, they got mad and threatened me with missing my plane. I realize they are only doing their job, but I was treated like I was guilty before being proven innocent. Where have our civil rights gone to? I am a decorated Viet Nam combat veteran, I don't deserve this.rnI remain......rnvery respectfullyrnWalter A. Soboleff Jr. rnlifelong Alaskan

walter_soboleff@admin.state.ak.us

Unknown

From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Friday, September 28, 2007 11:23 AM
To: valleymoosetrack@excite.com
Subject: RE: Fish_and_Game

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Sent: Friday, September 28, 2007 10:04 AM

To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

Subject: Fish_and_Game

Web mail from: Ms. Valerie Luczak

address: 2242 East Carney Road Wasilla AK 99654

MESSAGE:

Greetings, I would like to reemphasize the fact that twice the voters of Alaska have cast ballots to do away with aerial wolf control, only to be undone in Juneau, undoubtably under pressure from the guides and their 'high dollar' clientele who are in competition with the wolves. So much is done or undone under the cover of ubiquitous clouds down there, and I applaud your efforts to make operations transparent...in gas and oil decisions and so forth. I have seen in the past, on the tv, folks in the hallways of decisions who I know are hunting guides and also know the kinds of money they get from wealthy outsiders for an Alaskan kill. So I implore you to speak, once again to what is really going on down there and the influence peddling of these truly high dollar 'predators', pity the wolves who can't shell out over $50,000 and more for a hunt.

valleymoosetrack@excite.com

Unknown

From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Friday, September 28, 2007 11:16 AM
To: mjoyner@clearwire.net
Subject: RE: Fish_and_Game

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Sent: Friday, September 28, 2007 1:03 AM

To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

Subject: Fish_and_Game

Web mail from: Ms. Maggie Joyner

address: 1521 Cara Loop Anchorage AK 99515

9073488880

MESSAGE:

I support you, I voted for you and I have the highest hopes for your strong leadership of this state, but one of the things that makes me turn my back on you and your administration is your blood lust and lack of compassion for Alaskan wildlife. You see Sarah, the human beings of the world are not the only important life forces on the planet and you need to realize that your short sighted blood lust hunting background is not the "live or die" situation of even just a century or so ago. I was raised in this state, and lived in the Valley when you were very young so don't try and sell this Alaskan on a premise that animals are necessary for surviving in Alaska, you grew up with Carrs and so did I. For you to have a desire and stomach for hunting, makes me sick in the first place, but as I stated, I grew up here, so it is a way of life, but for you as the Governor of this great state to support aerial hunting shows you to be a grunting, basic cave dweller and will separate y

ou from the political group to move on as evolved human beings. This WILL be your downfall. Grow or get left behind, because statements like the one that you made today shows you to be the immature and unready politician to meet the growing climate of the American conscience. FREE MAGGIE, STOP ARIEL WOLF HUNTS. I could sell a lot of T Shirts. Grow past your snow mobile riding Tim the Toolman Days and check out the weather report. It's environment friendly and you are chewing bones on camera.

mjoyner@clearwire.net

Unknown

From: Leschper, Beth (GOV) [beth.leschper@alaska.gov]

Sent: Friday, September 28, 2007 4:17 PM

To: Palin; Sarah (GOV sponsored)

Cc: Tibbles; Michael A (GOV); Perry; Kristina Y (GOV); Leighow; Sharon W (GOV); Mason; Janice L (GOV)

Subject: NY

Newsweek still working on Nightline but not confirmed.
They are also working with producers at Good Morning America and the Today show.
But nothing confirmed.

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You and Napolitano are the two governors featured in special Newsweek issue, which hits stands on Oct. 8 (the day before the NY conference).

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More details for you as soon as I have them.

Beth Leschper
Deputy Communications Director
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907-465-3443
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Web mail from: Mr. james souza

address: 424 E. Dogwood Ave. C-10 palmer AK 99645

907-775-3393

MESSAGE:

Dear Sarah,rnI have already found Mr. Millers address and wrote him a strong letter about minding his own business, and said how would you like it if one of our lawmakers sponsored a bill that was somewhat specific to California how would he like it. rnI wanted to, but I didn't swear.rnJim SouzarnrnP.S. We have met before

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Web mail from: Mr. Thomas Mabis

address: 3106 Pleasant Dr Anchorage AK 98811

243-4661

MESSAGE:

Hello GovernorrnrnAs one of your campaign workers and supportors during the election in which you achieved a note worthy victory I am compeled to share a moment or two of dissatifaction with you specifically and not your staff.rnrnAfter being away on work efforts I was reviewing the news papers here at home and read of your confronting of Senator Stevens over the current ethics investigations. Your action added in my veiw to a broader preception of guilt then may be appropriate prior to the LE community completing the work.rnrnYour actions in my view and perception were opertune in nature, attempting to capture media exposure. As a citizen of this state I'd perfer you focus on improving our economy and quality of life through a gas pipeline, mineral development, and sustainable resource development.rnrnOn a positive note however I did like your response to the legislator in California where you don't want them to tell Alaska what we can do with our wildlife. Your administration sho

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tudum@gci.net

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To: esieb1987@aol.com
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Web mail from: Mr. Ron Siebels

address: 1945 N. Salem Dr. Anchorage AK 99508

907-562-4254

MESSAGE:

Dear Governor Palin;rnrnCurrently the State of Alaska provides the sum of $612,000 to three veterans groups as set up under the JOINT VENTURE GRANT AGREEMENT. The American Legion, the VFW, and the Disabled Vets organizations each get $207,000(each annual budget) for their service officer work on behalf of Alaska veterans.rnrnIt is a certainty that the current military environment will create a greater need for our veteran population in the coming years.rnrnWe in the Military Order of the Purple Heart (MOPH) also have a Service Officer who provides important assistance to the wounded veterans of our State. Our MOPH Service Officer also supports the needs of all veterans and has the same needs as the other groups. Further more I must point out that the other three groups are provided office space by VA, while we have had to find other office space outside of VA to conduct our important work. We within the Alaska MOPH believe strongly that we have been left out and are just as deserving o

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Web mail from: Mr. Wm R Harvey Jr

address: 13720 Davis Road Anchorge AK 99516

MESSAGE:

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Web mail from: Ms. Sandra Waltres

address: 30600 Kuapruk Avenue Eagle River AK 99577

907-69403-08

MESSAGE:

As a long time Alaskan, I would ask that you do not express your opinion as representing Alaskans on the topic of aerial wolf hunting. You are absolutely wrong to think that all Alaskans agree with you on this topic. If you repspect and listen to the will of the people, you would see that the people of Alaska voted against this practice in the past. Now you are going to spend the State's money to influence the people's decision making. Now is that ethical? rnrnYou state that there is no ethics in predator control. As an Alaskan, it was emabarassing to hear the governor of Alaska make such a statement.rnrnPlease take a balanced approach and represent the people of Alaska fairly and not with just your personal opinions.

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address: PO Box 87-1410 Wasilla AK 99687

841-6849

MESSAGE:

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To:ExternalEmailgsp <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>

Subject: RE: DC trip - CONFIDENTIAL

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Sent: Friday, September 28, 2007 5:42 PM

To: Hartig; Lawrence L (DEC); Irwin; Tom E (DNR); Palin; Sarah (GOV sponsored)

Cc: Dietrick; Larry V (DEC); Rutherford; Marty K (DNR); Banks; Kevin R (DNR); Anders; Bruce F (DNR); Slemons; Jonne D (DNR); Easton; Dan (DEC)

Subject: BP Corrosion Efforts

I just received word that personnel with Veco/CH2M Hill that are currently under contract with BP and tasked with corrossion prevention work at PBU are going to be laid off--more than 100 people. An announcement is expected to be made tomorrow and the personnel informed. The reason as it was explained to me is that there are safety concerns with winter work. Sorry I don't have more details, but this was passed on to me third-hand just a few minutes ago.

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To: Grice; Erika M (HSS)
Subject: RE: well spoken

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From: Grice, Erika M (HSS)
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I think that your letter to The Honorable George Miller was perfect. Thank you for putting it so succinctly.

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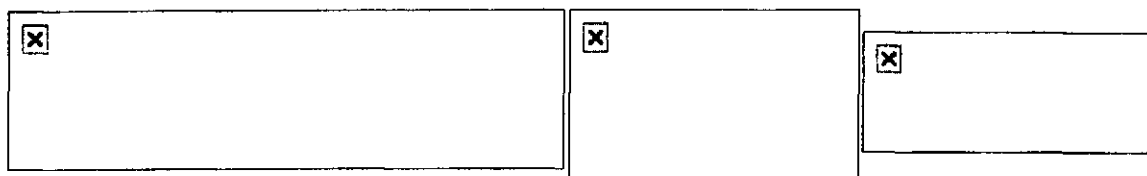
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The first year of the study is being underwritten by OPEN from American Express and The Jana Matthews Group - an unusual partnership of corporate America and a woman-owned business.

"Ninety percent of women business owners want to grow their companies," said Margaret A. Smith, chair, Center for Women's Business Research and CEO of Domus. "Forty percent want to grow their businesses as large as possible, thereby creating employment and generating wealth. This study will provide insights about the women who lead multi-million dollar firms, the critical decisions they have made and the growth strategies they pursued. This study will provide the Center with data-driven knowledge that will be invaluable to other women who aspire to grow a company."

"We are especially pleased to have both a leading corporation and a nationally known woman-owned business as sponsors," continued Margaret A. Smith. "As a woman business owner myself, I recognize that we all benefit from the work of the Center for Women's Business Research -- and it is only fitting that we support the research done on our behalf."

"My company consults with CEOs and Executive Teams who want to accelerate growth. Some of our clients are women-owned companies, some are owned by men, but all want to build and lead great companies that can sustain growth. This research will provide valuable insights to women business owners who want to grow," says Dr. Jana Matthews. "In addition, sponsoring this research gives me, a woman business owner, an opportunity to give back to other women who want to grow their companies but don't know how."

The first publication generated by the research, *Characteristics of Women-Owned Businesses of $1 Million and Greater Revenues Report*, will be released later this year. The report will analyze data, made available for the first time, which segments these businesses by revenue levels at or above $1 million.

The second stage of the 2007 research is a series of focus groups with women business owners whose firms have attained $1 million or more in revenues. The focus groups will collect in-depth information on the business practices and attitudes of this group of women. A report on the focus group findings will be released in January 2008.

Three focus groups have already been held and three more will be convened before the end of October in Dallas, Jacksonville and Cleveland. Any woman business owner with revenues of $1 million or more who would like to participate in a focus group should contact Christine Horak, deputy director of research, Center for Women's Business Research at 202.638.3060 x 721 or at chorak@womensbusinessresearch.org.

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Sent: Friday, September 28, 2007 8:35 AM
To: Perry; Kristina Y (GOV); Palin; Sarah (GOV sponsored)
Cc: Fradley; Tara D (GOV); ExternalEmailgsp
Subject: FW: NCSL speech -- please look

Here's the electronic version

From: Balash, Joseph R (GOV)
Sent: Thu 9/27/2007 5:53 PM
To: Leschper, Beth (GOV); Tibbles, Michael A (GOV)
Subject: RE: NCSL speech -- please look

Here's what I came up with. The boss wanted a hard copy as she was leaving--so I didn't get to really do a final check on it.

From: Leschper, Beth (GOV)
Sent: Thu 9/27/2007 12:28 PM
To: Tibbles, Michael A (GOV); Balash, Joseph R (GOV)
Subject: NCSL speech -- please look

You two know this group best.

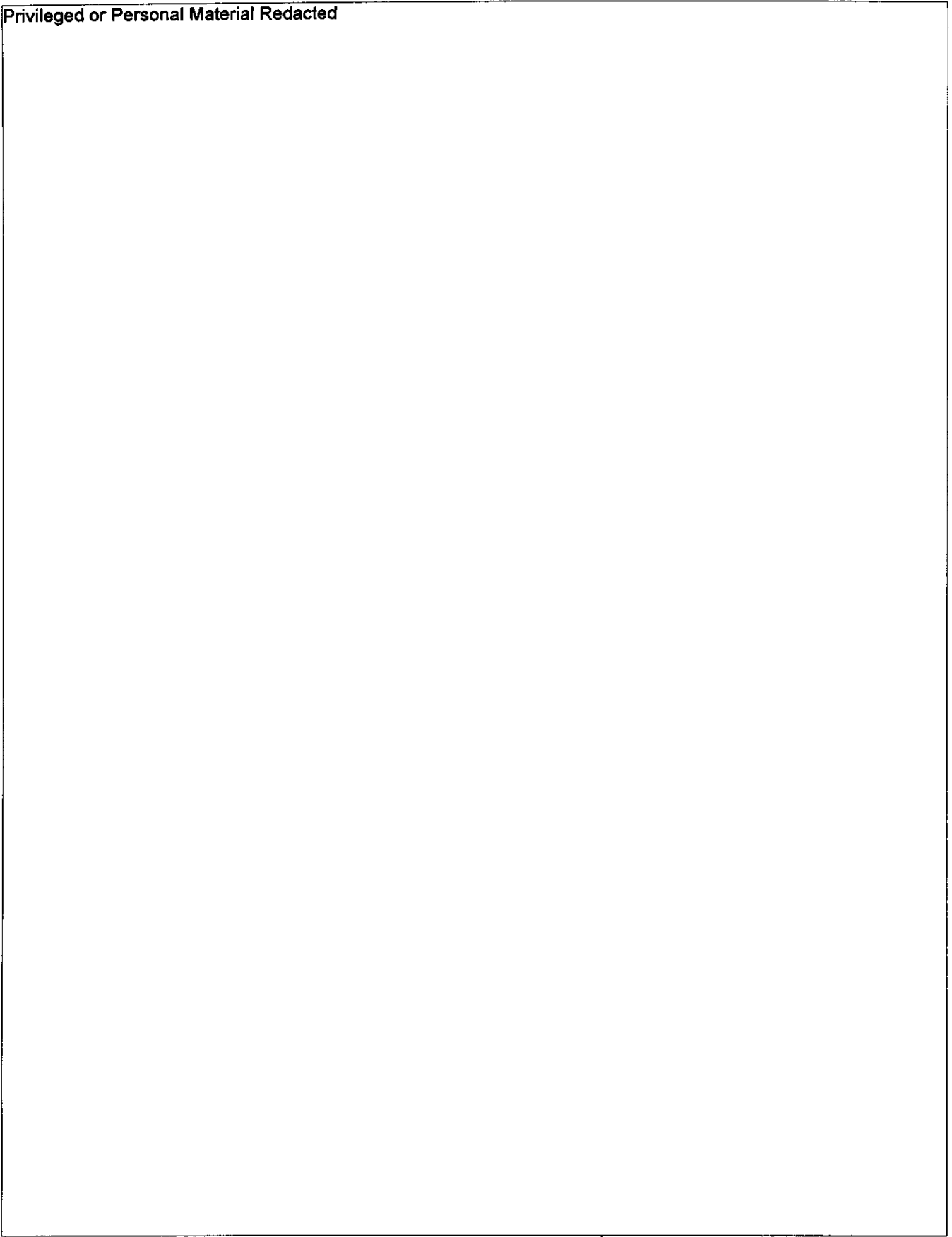
If you could just look this over and if it's going in the right direction, I'll go ahead and send it to the governor.
IF you want changes, just email to me and I'll make the corrections.

Beth Leschper
Deputy Communications Director
Office of the Governor
State of Alaska
907-465-3443
907-723-1321

Welcome Speech
About 1,100 words

National Conference of State Legislatures
Communication and Professional Development Seminar

Captain Cook
11:30-11:45 a.m. (10-15 minutes)

NCSL Background
The National Conference of State Legislatures is a bipartisan organization that serves the legislators and staffs of the nation's 50 states, its commonwealths and territories. NCSL provides research, technical assistance and opportunities for policymakers to exchange ideas on the most pressing state issues.

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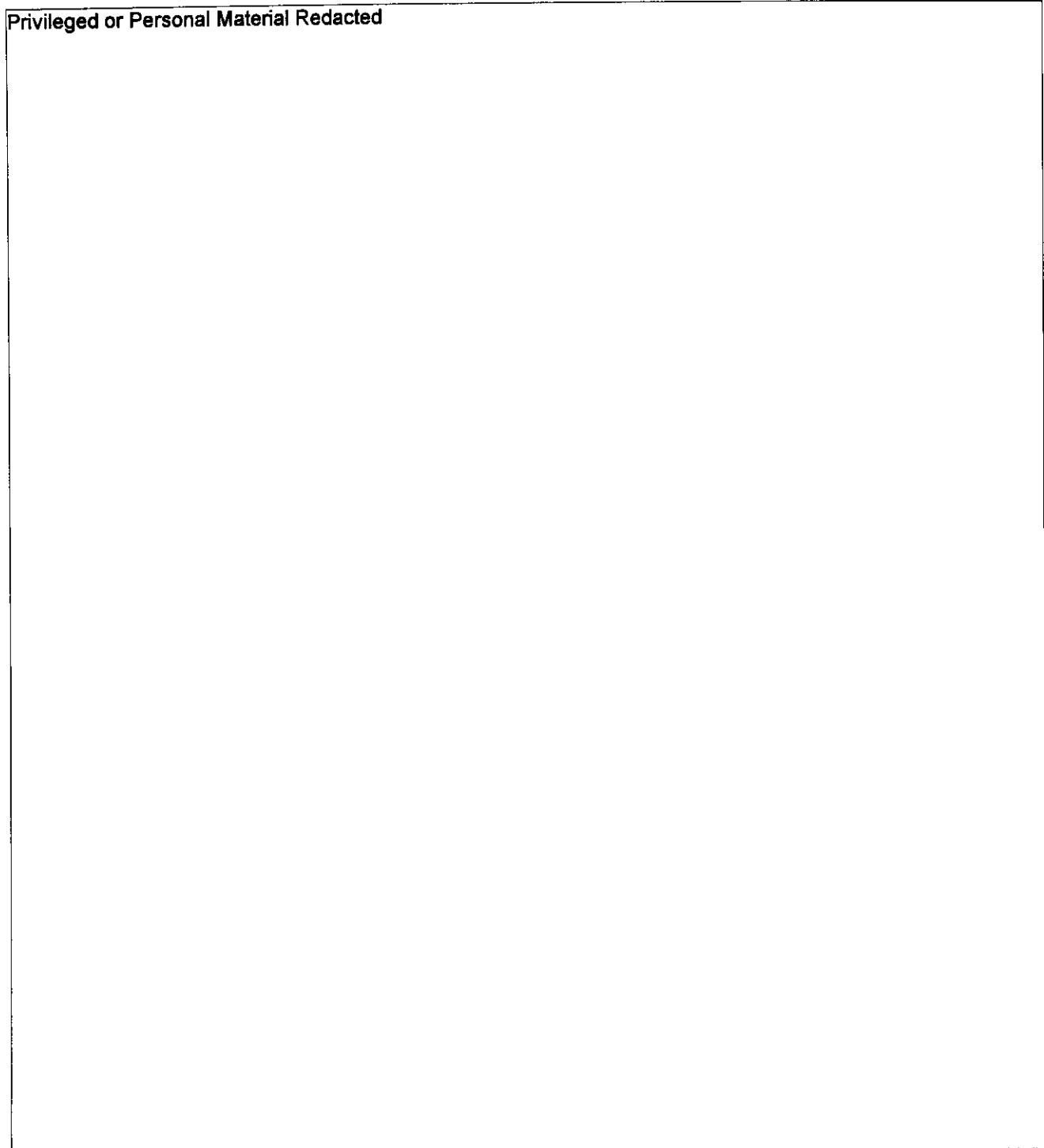
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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Friday, September 28, 2007 11:10 AM
To: Smith; Lynne M (GOV)
Subject: FW: Member Benefits Update: September

From: membership@uschamber.com [mailto:membership@uschamber.com]
Sent: Thursday, September 27, 2007 4:52 PM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Member Benefits Update: September

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How Do Your Company's Benefits Measure Up?

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Calendar of Events

October 2-3
Washington, D.C.

4th Annual Anti-Counterfeiting and Piracy Summit
The Fight Against Counterfeiting and Piracy: A Global Responsibility

The summit will address the effects of counterfeiting and piracy on small businesses and consumer health and safety; the available to protect brands; the efforts of the U.S. government and industry to fight this problem; and various topics relate global protection of intellectual property.

Speakers include:
Philippe Dauman, President and CEO, Viacom
Robert Essner, Chairman and CEO, Wyeth
Jeff Zucker, *President and CEO, NBC Universal*

Register for this event.

October 10
Washington, D.C.

RFID Solutions: Securing the Commerce of Tomorrow

Join senior government officials and business leaders for RFID Solutions: Securing the Commerce of Tomorrow co-host National Chamber Foundation and SAP. This important event will discuss the most promising security-related Radio Freq Identification (RFID) applications, the balance between regulation and innovation, and responsible approaches to key iss

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Sent: Friday, September 28, 2007 4:32 PM
To: gov.sarah@yahoo.com; Tibbles; Michael A (GOV)
Subject: FW: Update From DHS & EM

Importance: High

UPDATE

All is clear. If something changes on either of these issues I will let you know.

From: Sterling, Robert R (MVA)

Sent: Friday, September 28, 2007 4:19 PM

To: DAVIS, JOYCE, SMSGT, OTAG, 428-6007; Cramer, John W (MVA); Nizich, Michael A (GOV)

Cc: Robert Forgit; v3alcom.j3@elmendorf.af.mil; Carney, Roberta D (MVA); Crum, Dale (MVA); Fisher, Bryan J (MVA); Gould, Greg M (MVA); Kang, David B (MVA); Madden, John W (MVA); Nelson, Renee E (MVA); Saddler, Debra M (MVA); Stewart, Robert (MVA); alcom.j3 @elmendorf.af.mil

Subject: RE: Update From DHS & EM

Importance: High

Initial results from the State Public Health Lab were that the power was sporeless, indicating that it is very unlikely to be a biological threat.

Robert R. Sterling Jr.

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Subject: Update From DHS & EM

Importance: High

Update of situation:

Korean national was very sick but had GI tract problems and is NOT a further threat.

No results from crime lab yet.

SECC in close contact with MOA EOC, DHSS, AST.

SECC informing Interagency partners

If it is a presumptive positive we plan to man the SECC 24/7. If it is a presumptive negative we plan to man the SECC with larger response cell until we get confirmed negative.

If the powder turns out to be bio threat of a large magnitude (as opposed to pesticide) I would expect MOA to be able to handle the prophylactic drug distribution for the personnel potentially contaminated.

The larger long-term issue with an anthrax-type substance will be the clean up of the Brady Building. Would potentially expect MOA disaster declaration and would suggest an immediate DPC for probable State disaster declaration and request for Federal assistance.

Or it could all be a hoax and we could enjoy a lovely weekend.

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Sent: Friday, September 28, 2007 4:22 PM
To: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Cc: Perry, Kristina Y (GOV); Leschper, Beth (GOV); Leighow, Sharon W (GOV)
Subject: FW: V..I.P. Invitation for Bristol Palin / Newsweek's Women and Leadership Conference

Governor - Mark Block, Newsweek has sent an invitation for Bristol to the Newsweek's Women and Leadership Conference. Janice

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From: Mason, Janice L (GOV)

Sent: Friday, September 28, 2007 4:01 PM

To: 'Mark Block'

Cc: Leschper, Beth (GOV); Amy Butler; Elaine Parker

Subject: RE: V..I.P. Invitation for Bristol Palin / Newsweek's Women and Leadership Conference

Mark - Thank you for the invitation for Bristol Palin to attend the Newsweek's Women and Leadership Conference in New York. I will forward this to Governor Sarah Palin and First Daughter Bristol. Thank you again,

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From: Mason, Janice L (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=JLMASON]
Sent: Friday, September 28, 2007 12:18 PM
To: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Cc: Tibbles; Michael A (GOV); Perry; Kristina Y (GOV)
Subject: Telephone Call

Governor - Pat Toomey just called and asked if you would call him directly. 610-360-6838. Mr. Toomey wants to speak with you in regards to: Alaska Politics. He said that if a call needs to be scheduled then we can go through his scheduler Stacey. I would be happy to set that up if needed. Janice

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Sent: Friday, September 28, 2007 4:58 PM
To: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Cc: Perry; Kristina Y (GOV); Tibbles; Michael A (GOV); Leschper; Beth (GOV); Leighow; Sharon W (GOV)
Subject: Schedule for Monday, 10.01.07

Importance: High

Governor - On you schedule for Monday, October 1, 2007 - I have listed the request from the USPS - Issuance of Aurora Borealis Stamp - Photographer of Stamp and Mayor of Wasilla will be key speakers. They would like you to say a few words if you are able to attend. Beth is working on this now.

I had called to request an earlier time for the event but they were unable to change the time from 11:00 a.m. @ the New Fire Station in Wasilla. I have this listed as an FYI at this time and have not committed you to being there. Janice

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=GOVERNOR]
Sent: Friday, September 28, 2007 12:50 PM
To: Cayce; Sunny C (GOV); Yocom; Lauren J (GOV)
Subject: FW: Military_and_Veterans_Affairs

-----Original Message-----

From: dickjuge@aviosk.com [mailto:dickjuge@aviosk.com]

Sent: Friday, September 28, 2007 12:44 PM

To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

Subject: RE: Military_and_Veterans_Affairs

Thanks.

You folks might be interested in www.TheHistoricNorthwestPassage.com as it is about the historic 1957 voyage by the CGC STORIS was on. Lots about Alaska in this book, plus an interview I did with Robert Wooley of Sitka. All fun.

More later from BSPAV.org (Bering Sea Patrol - Alaska Veterans)

DICK JUGE

On 28 Sep 2007 at 11:22, Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) wrote:

> Mr. Juge,

> The Governor's email address is governor@alaska.gov

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]

> Sent: Friday, September 28, 2007 10:06 AM

> To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

> Subject: Military_and_Veterans_Affairs

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> Web mail from: Dick Juge

> address: 818 Gravier St., #3a New Orleans LA 70112

> 504 566-6008

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> MESSAGE:

> I am the newly elected Chairman for 2008 of the CG Bering Sea Patrol -

> Alaska Veterans association.rnrnI need the Govenor's email address for

> our database so we can send our quarterly newsletter.rnrnPlease
> forward

> the preferred email address so I can set this
> up.rnrnrnThanks,rnrnrnDICK

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> DICKJUGE@AVIOSK.COM

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Subject: ASMI - New York

Governor - Just a quick update with ASMI. They are working on getting something put together with the Restaurant "Wild Fish." They would have the New York Food Writer's there with media with you. This of course is not confirmed but I should hear more from them on Monday. Thanks, Janice

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From: John Katz [jwkatz@ALASKADC.org]
Sent: Friday, September 28, 2007 7:33 AM
To: Governor Sarah Palin
Cc: Beth C (GOV) Leschper; Kris Perry; Michael Tibbles
Subject: DC trip - CONFIDENTIAL

ps: One other thing occurred to me. Since you will be in New York, you might want to consider making the rounds of some of the media outlets.

We have talked about ways to disseminate the messages that Alaska is under new management and that we are ready and willing to provide domestically produced oil and gas to the nation. New York is the headquarters of most of the major media, and I think that there's a curiosity about Alaska and you as the new Governor.

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To:"John Katz" <jwkatz@alaskadc.org>
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Sent: Friday, September 28, 2007 2:38 PM
To: Cayce; Sunny C (GOV)
Subject: FW: Fish_and_Game

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Sent: Friday, September 28, 2007 2:49 PM

To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

Subject: Fish_and_Game

Web mail from: Mr. Gene Anderson

address: P.O. Box 135 New Stuyahok AK 99636

907.693.4664

MESSAGE:

Dear Governor Palin:rnrnI just read your letter addressed to Congressman George Miller and I cannot thank you enough for your stand on this. The people in our village are heavily dependent on subsistence living and right now the bears are taking a heavy toll on the moose and caribou populations. I am sick and tired of animals having more rights than humans. Thank you for being our governor and protecting our way of life.rnrnSincerely,rnrnGene V. AndersonrnPrincipalrnChief Ivan Blunka SchoolrnNew Stuyahok, AK 99636

ganderson@swrsd.org

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Byers, Gail Y (LAW)

From: Balash, Joseph R (GOV) [joe.balash@alaska.gov]

Sent: Friday, September 28, 2007 7:03 PM

To: Galvin; Patrick S (DOR); Davis; Marcia R (DOR); Irwin; Tom E (DNR); Rutherford; Marty K (DNR); Banks; Kevin R (DNR); Gibson; Kurtis K (DNR); Scott; Antony G (DNR); Burnett; Jerry D (DOR); Tibbles; Michael A (GOV); Palin; Sarah (GOV sponsored)

Subject: FW: from gene t

FYI. Got this from my former boss today.

Smaller Oil Companies Fuel UK's North Sea Revival

by Benoit Faucon

Dow Jones Newswires 9/25/2007
URL: http://www.rigzone.com/news/article.asp?a_id=50633

LONDON Sep 25, 2007 (From The Wall Street Journal via Dow Jones Newswires)

Tax changes and investment incentives are transforming the landscape of Britain's North Sea -- reinvigorating Europe's second-largest oil basin after Norway and raising hopes that its long decline may slow.

The revival has taken many in the industry by surprise, because when the government in 2005 announced it would raise taxes on oil production, big international companies warned the move would discourage investments.

Two years later, the biggest oil companies are reducing their presence, but a clutch of smaller companies have moved in to fill the void. The shift in ownership suggests the government may be able to capture more revenue from high oil prices while limiting risks to its energy security needs.

This year, Royal Dutch Shell PLC, Chevron Corp. and Exxon Mobil Corp. started to offload a sizable number of their North Sea fields, much as BP PLC and ConocoPhillips did last year. As they reduced their exposure, small, independent companies such as Fairfield Energy Ltd., Oilexco Inc., Venture Production PLC and Perenco SA seized what they saw as a good opportunity. These smaller companies have leaner cost structures that make them better suited to the mature, high-tax basin, energy analysts say.

The North Sea is to the United Kingdom what the Gulf of Mexico is to the U.S. -- a province that pipes oil and gas straight into one of the world's largest economies, reducing its dependence on tight international energy markets.

The future of the basin, which in 2006 produced 2.9 million barrels of oil equivalent a day, is crucial to global energy supply. But ever since a peak in 1999, production has been in decline -- falling 10% in 2006 -- as fields slowly deplete.

Large companies have warned higher taxes could accelerate that trend and are speeding up asset-divestments programs. In August, Chevron said it was selling its interests in the Mariner and Bressay fields to Norway's Norsk Hydro ASA for a sum not disclosed, pending regulatory approval. In June, Shell and Exxon Mobil unit Esso put a string of North Sea assets up for sale and entered exclusive negotiations to offload their Dunlin fields to Fairfield Energy of the U.K.

The major oil producers aren't abandoning the North Sea altogether. The assets Shell put up for sale in June represent just 8% of its North Sea production. But Shell has said it will reduce its U.K. North Sea investment in the coming years. Like other companies, it has moved to new areas such as Norway, Qatar, West Africa or Russia to find better value.

Oil companies raised a clamor last year when the British government raised tax on oil-production profits by 10 percentage points, bringing the tax rate to 50%. The Labor government also said it wouldn't rule out further tax increases if it wins the next elections, due no later than 2010. The tax increase worsened what is already "a very high cost environment," says Tom Botts, Shell's head of exploration and production for Europe.

Smaller companies, though, see the majors' pain as an opportunity. U.K. midsize company Venture Production, which bought a smaller peer for 224 million euros ($315.5 million) last year, has said it is looking into buying the Shell and Esso assets.

The U.K. fiscal system is "the best deal in the world," says Arthur Millholland, chief executive of Oilexco, a Canadian company that is moving aggressively into the North Sea.

He pointed out that the U.K. rewards companies investing in drilling wells with a 100% tax deduction on such investment compared with 25% to 30% in the U.S. This incentive, introduced in 2002, has been gradually expanded. The 100% tax deduction was deferred from 2005 to 2006, and new investment can be used to offset part of the tax for as many as six years.

Meanwhile, a measure put into place in 2002 -- the so-called Fallow Initiative -- is also helping. The measure forces companies to divest themselves of undeveloped acreage, and has been one of the factors pushing the major oil companies to monetize some of their licenses, the consultancy Hannon Westwood notes.

The newcomers are now playing a big role in investment. According to Hannon Westwood, recent entrants, none of which are major producers, accounted for more than 50% of all drilling in search of oil or natural gas in 2006, a proportion it expects will rise this year. The consultancy said drilling in 2005 and 2006 reached its highest level since 1998, with 116 wells.

Oilexco drilled about a quarter of the wells in all of the U.K. North Sea during 2006, more than BP, Shell, Total SA, Chevron and ConocoPhillips put together, according to figures from Wood Mackenzie, an energy-consulting company. Oilexco has expanded by acquiring stakes in North Sea fields that were left undeveloped by Chevron, Italy's Eni SpA or ConocoPhillips.

The smaller companies benefit from their leaner cost structure. In particular, says Oilexco's Mr. Millholland, they employ fewer staff. "We are as professional as big oil," he says. "What we do not have is corporate bureaucracy."

A spokeswoman for Oil and Gas U.K., a British oil-industry association, disagrees that smaller companies can take better advantage of U.K. tax rules than bigger ones. "A number of factors such as rising costs, fiscal uncertainty and lower production levels is having an impact on [U.K. North Sea] competitiveness and these will affect the business decisions taken by companies no matter their size," she says.

Hannon Westwood says the ownership change will have a positive impact on oil production as acreage where no exploration is taking place is being acquired by more active players. It points out that exploration drilling in 2005 and 2006 discovered an estimated 1.2 billion barrels of oil equivalent.

Mr. Millholland says he agrees with the U.K. government's view that the incentives will help slow the rate of decline of North Sea production.